

REMARKS

Claims 22-35 are pending.

Claim Amendments

While the Applicant disagrees with the basis for certain rejections made in the Official Action, claim 22 is nonetheless amended to expedite prosecution. No new matter has been added due to these amendments and support for these amendments can be found throughout the Applicant's specification and figures.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office has rejected claims 22-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office asserts that claim 22 "fail(s) to recite sufficient structural elements and interconnection of the elements to positively position and define how the lower and upper deck sheets form enclosed spaces when the lower sheet and upper sheet are attached at a multiplicity of points and periphery so that an integral structure able to function as claimed is recited" and that "claims 23-35 are indefinite in that they depend from an indefinite base claim."

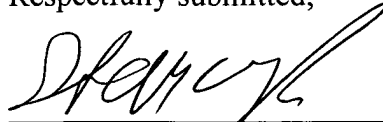
The Applicant amends claim 22 to more clearly recite the structural elements necessary to form enclosed spaces between the sheets. Accordingly, amended claim 1, and by extension claims 23-35, is now clearly patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Additionally, the Applicant hereby submits a request for a two (2) month extension of time and authorizes the Office to charge the required extension of time fee of \$460.00 to the Credit Card as disclosed in the attached form PTO-2038.

Respectfully submitted,

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